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Czar Has Grip.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from
the Daily News from Berlin denies the re-
curring reports that the Czar is suffer-
ing from pulmonary consumption. It
states that a slight attack of influenza is
confining His Majesty to his rooms, but
the disease is of such a mild form that
there is not the slightest apprehension.

LIGHT ON THE DARK WAYS OF
A CHEVALIER OF INDUSTRY

Deep-Laid Scheme
To Deplete Fat
Purses.

FACTS ABOUT MEN
WHO DID UP BEAN

Gambler, Allen Comes to Hon-
olulu To Make a Rich
Haul.

FIRMLY believing that it is always
within the province of a newspa-
per to expose crime, and the crim-
inals that produce crime, the Ad-
vertiser published an article last Sat-
urday morning exposing the plans to
defraud and bunco citizens of Honolu-
lu, by one Allen, alias "Billy Hurd,"
alias "Billy Hurt," and the gang that
has associated itself with him.

When a man is cornered, then it is
that he squeals, and if possible, at-
tempts to lay the burden of his wrong-
doing upon the shoulders of others.
The expert criminal, and particularly
the confidence man, is an adept at
evading the responsibility of his
crimes, and it is seldom that the vic-
tim, knowing the publicity that nec-
essarily comes from such an episode,
has the moral courage to expose the
man who has buncoed him, and his
methods.

But Allen, alias "Hurd," or "Hurt,"
reckoned without his host when he
tackled Colonel Bean last Wednesday
night and relieved him of his money.
Not only did he succeed in getting the
possession of the gold pieces by tricks
of the cards, but when he had his
victim under the influence of liquor,
then did he deliberately place his
hand in Colonel Bean's pocket, and lay
the money upon the table in order that
he might win it.

It is tricks of this kind that testify
to the ability of the genuine confidence
man, for he might just as well have
placed the money in his pocket without
going through the formality of win-
ning it at poker, as far as his dupe
was concerned, but he knew that
if he did so and was caught, he would
have little chance to evade the charge
of robbery.

Allen arrived in this city on the Si-
erra, December 20, and by his affable
manner has become well acquainted
with many of the passengers. Several
games were indulged in during the
evening, but Allen was not intent upon
making his coup at that time; he was
however, cultivating all those with
whom he came in contact, and figuring
on parting them from their money
when he could do it in more comfort-
able quarters, and with less fear of
detection.

Many a man there is in Honolulu
today who is thankful that he was let
off as easy as he was, and who is
duly grateful to the Advertiser, for
there were plenty of citizens who were
fast becoming ensnared by the guile
and smooth talk of the wily Allen.
Beckley, who claims to be the son
of a prominent man living near
Sacramento, was the room-mate of Al-
len on the Sierra, but did not appear
much on deck. It is this Beckley who
is supposed to act as the "capper" for
Allen, and who is supposed to get
around to see and maintain the account
of business men, and then over
a social glass, to casually introduce
them to his friend.

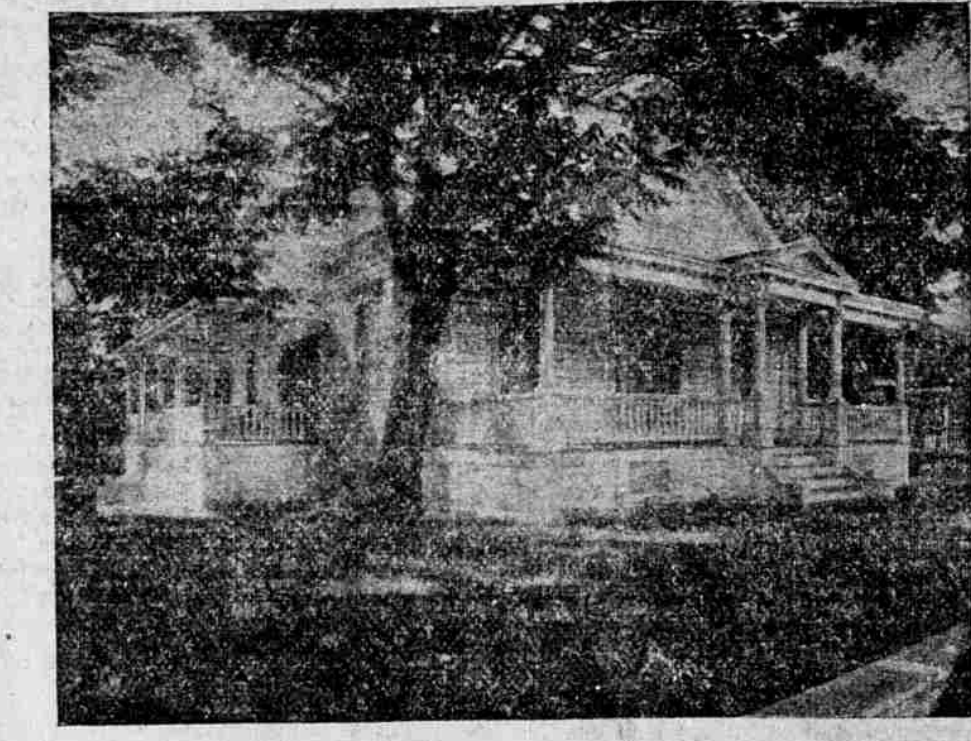
The introduction is all that a man
like Allen requires, for he is enough
man of the world to be able to ingratiate
himself with anyone of social pos-
itions, in a very few minutes. It is
then that an invitation to the cottage
follows, and once there, the unsuspect-
ing victim might as well turn over his
money to the host.

To at least three men in this city
Allen made a proposition to the effect
that if they would introduce him to
men of means, he could obtain their
money by a "sure-thing system" at
poker, and would then divide the
spoils with the man who brought his
victim to him.

When he arrived in this city, Allen
attempted to secure an accommodation at
one of the leading hotels, but as he
stepped forward to register, he recog-
nized in the manager, a man who was
conversant with his criminal career,
and one who would not brook any bun-
co work in his house. Forced to go
elsewhere Allen went to Waikiki for a
few days, and then succeeded in rent-
ing a cottage on Wilder avenue near
Punahou, where with an assurance
born only of long years of successful
criminal work, he fitted up the interior
to meet the demands of his nefarious
eking.

Electric wires and batteries were em-
ployed, mirrors were conveniently ar-
ranged, servants were hired, and in
every way he prepared for a harvest
that he evidently had reason to feel
sure of. His wife was used to decorate
the home, and make it appear comfort-
able and cozy in a way that only a
millionaire, and it was not in his line
to spare expense, especially when he cal-
culated to make each guest pay for
his entertainment several times over.

But like all other criminals, Allen
made a fatal mistake, for when he
took all of Colonel Bean's money, he
left a man penniless, and when a man
is penniless he will often do what he



HOUSE ON WILDER AVENUE, NEAR PUNAHOU, WHICH GAMBLER ALLEN OCCUPIES AND WHICH HE HAS FITTED UP AS A SNARE FOR "EASY-MONEY" VISITORS.

would not do if allowed to retain at
least a little of his money.
Forced to make a settlement with his
partner, Bean only had one resource,
and that was to make a clean breast of
it, and then it was that on the advice
of the man who had lost through him,
that they went to an attorney, and
sought his counsel.
After the retaining fee had been paid
over, Attorney Andrews spent a large
part of one night and part of the fol-
lowing day in investigating the truth
of the statements made to him, and
after that, he was convinced that his
client had been the victim of a cold-
blooded swindling scheme. A man by
the name of Gray was one of the par-
ties, and when questioned by Andrews
made one statement, and when inter-
viewed for the Advertiser, gave quite
another version of the affair. Both
versions appear in these columns.

Posing as a man of considerable
wealth, and of good appearance, with
a smattering knowledge of rock and
minerals, Allen seeks to hide his true
profession under the guise of that of
a mining engineer. Claiming to be
traveling only for his health, and in-
cidentally looking for judicious invest-
ment of his surplus capital he readily
makes acquaintance with the busi-
ness men, and too often gains his con-
fidence. Men of his stamp should not
be permitted within the confines of any
civilized community, and in this case,
the same as in all others where the
public welfare is concerned, the Ad-
vertiser will do its utmost to reveal
them before public gaze in such a man-
ner that they will be rendered incap-
able of further harm.

Attorney Explains Affairs.

"Late Thursday afternoon two men
who introduced themselves as Colonel
Bean and Mr. Manson, colored, called
upon me at my office," said Attorney
Lorrin Andrews, "and stated that one
of them had been robbed of a large
sum of money while intoxicated, by a
man who said his name was Allen."
"They claimed that it was necessary
that they should leave Honolulu the
next day by the steamer China for the
Coast, but wanted the manner in
which they were relieved of their money
investigated, and themselves placed
in a position so that when they re-
turned to this city they would be en-
abled to proceed criminally against
Allen."

"I investigated the story of the man
who claimed to have been robbed, and
in every detail it was substantiated by
the driver of hack No. 66, and by a
man named Gray, who swore that he
had also lost \$123 in a poker game,
and that it was within three dollars
of all the money he had in the world.
Their stories showed that the old bunco
game had been worked once more;
where a man named Beckley had cul-
tivated the acquaintance of the intend-
ed victims, and has posted his confeder-
ate, so that when Bean and Allen
were brought together, Allen was able
to cite many mutual acquaintances,
and show that he was generally famil-
iar with Bean's business affairs."

"The intimacy in this case ended in
Allen inviting them to Waikiki to look
after some business proposition that he
wished to broach to them. All unsus-
pecting, they were soon seated in a
hack and several stops were made on
the road for the purpose of obtaining
drinks. In each instance Allen insist-
ed upon paying for the liquor, and
generally made himself a good fellow,
thereby winning the confidence of his
victims."

"Finally, according to the statements
of Gray and the hackman, they went
to a small cottage on the premises of
the Waikiki Inn and indulged in sev-
eral more rounds of drinks until Bean
and Gray were stupefied from the effects
of the liquor. They were so affected
that neither one was able to give a
clear account of what happened, but
both assert that they remember play-
ing poker, and that the game ended
only when all of the money was in the
possession of Allen."

"Gray also says that he saw Allen
deliberately put his hand in Bean's
pocket and take out some money, and
place it on the table, so that he could
win it. The hackman states that when
they were back in the hack he heard
Allen accuse Allen of winning all of his
money, and complained that he had
been robbed. Allen was heard to say
that he would return it on the day fol-
lowing, but failed to keep his engage-
ment, and they have not seen any of
their money since that evening."

"After investigating these stories,
and finding that Allen was generally
reputed to be a professional confidence
man, I went to his residence in com-
pany with the colored man and was
met at the door by a woman who said
she was Allen's wife. In answer to
my query as to whether Mr. Allen was
at home, she said that he had left

town, and would not return until
Monday. Later in the day I found
that Allen had been seen on Fort
street as late as 4 o'clock in the after-
noon.

"On the next morning (Friday) I
went with Bean and Manson to see
High Sheriff Brown, and after filling
their statement with him they took
their departure. Bean also said that
when they reached town that night,
that Allen caused them to be driven
around in the vicinity of Iwilei, and
that when opposite one of the resorts
the hack was stopped, and Allen re-
quested Bean and Gray to get out.
Gray stepped from the hack, but Bean
refused to get out in spite of Allen's
remonstrances, and when Allen said
that all of his attempts in that direc-
tion were futile, he ordered the hack-
man to drive on. Bean wanted him to
stop and wait for Gray, but Allen re-
sponded with an oath, and said that he
would not wait for him, and that he
would not be taken in by him."

"From this it is evident that Al-
len intended to get rid of both of his
victims at this point, and when they
sobereed up in the morning and found
that their money was gone, then they
would accuse some of the habitués of
that district of robbery, and thus clear
Allen."

"Thursday night, after leaving Mrs.
Allen, I came down to where Bean and
Gray were awaiting the return of
Manson and myself, and after explain-
ing what I had learned I left them.
Within thirty minutes after I left,
Beckley arrived with Bean and
Manson, and after I had taken their
sworn statements, he vouched for their
accuracy. I suggested that inasmuch
as we were all together that it would
be a good idea to go over to the police
station and make another statement.
Bean and Manson readily acquiesced,
but it was clear to me that Gray was
very nervous. This nervousness be-
came quite pronounced as we neared
the station, and when we paused in
front of the door for a moment, Gray
said that he would walk around and
see if he could find Allen, and all that
we could do would be to induce him to
enter the police station. He told me
that he would return at once, but I
have not seen him since."

"F. W. Makinney, a real estate man,
whose office is on Fort street, below
Merchant, told me that Allen was in-
troduced to him as a capitalist who
was seeking investment, and that he
came here with unimpeachable letters
of recommendation to W. C. Irwin &
Co. After a casual conversation Allen
said that he had a business proposition
to make, and finally came out straight
from the shoulder with a cold-blooded
proposition to swindle the wealthy men
of this city. In substance, he said
that he understood that Makinney was
acquainted with the solid men of the
Island, and that he (Allen) was desir-
ous of making their acquaintance. He
then proposed that if Makinney would
obtain for him these introductions, he
would entice the men into games of
poker and divide the results with Mak-
inney. Allen stated that he had a
system at poker that was infallible,
and by means of which he never lost.
"I want you to get up the games," he
said, "and I will divide with you."

"Makinney says that he told Allen
he would think over his proposition,
but that the more he thought of it the
less he liked it, and the result was that
he told Allen that he did not wish to
have any more to do with him."

Tells a New Story.

In spite of the statement that Gray
made to Attorney Andrews in regard
to the affair of Thursday night, he
has evidently had time to think the
matter over, and there is no doubt but
that influence has been brought to bear
upon him, for the following statement is
hardly in accordance with his first
one.

Gray claims that he is here seeking
employment, and that he was formerly
engaged as traveling salesman for a
San Francisco firm.
Gray evinced a desire to avoid ques-
tioning, but finally volunteered the in-
formation that he had only known Al-
len for a week, and further than that,
he was unable to say anything about
him.
"I was introduced to Allen by Beck-
ley, whom I have every reason to be-
lieve is a gentleman," said Gray, "and

as I enjoy a social game of cards, I
readily accepted an invitation to join
them in a game where they said the
game would be small. We played at
Waikiki, but I am positive that not
more than \$30 changed hands that
night.

"Bean was trying to beat the colored
man out of his share of some money
that they had earned jointly, and dur-
ing the evening Bean said to me that
he had a large sum of money, but that
he did not intend to give any of it to
Manson. I was on board the China
just before she left and saw Bean, and
he showed me \$450 in gold, so it is evi-
dent that he did not leave here as pen-
niless as he claimed."

Makinney's Own Statement.

Makinney was called upon yesterday
at his office, and told what Attorney
Andrews said about his statement to
him. Makinney said:

"I would rather that my name was
not mentioned, as I do not care to be
mixed up in this matter. I believe
that I have been innocently drawn into
it. Allen or Hurd, or Hurt, or what-
ever his name is, was introduced to me
by a man whose name I reserve, but
whom I blame for his action. This
man knew that Allen was a gambler,
but he introduced him to me as a cap-
italist, and vouched for his being all
right. Allen appeared to me to have
plenty of money, and to be anxious
for investments. He was very pleasant
and sociable. He invited me often to
drink with him, and I often did. He
had a fashion of dropping in on me
and talking about financial matters,
and I looked on him as a probable
customer. I am in the real estate
business and am on the lookout for
men who want to buy property in Ha-
waii."

"One day he came to me and said:
'Makinney, I want to make you a
business proposition. I have a system
at cards by which I cannot lose. I
can make all sorts of money, but I
have not the acquaintance necessary.
You know the boys here who have
money, and I want you to introduce
them to me. I will give you a good
share of the profits, and I am a sure
winner.'

"I took a day to consider the mat-
ter, and thinking it over, it seemed to
me that the only sure way by which
a man could win at poker was by man-
ipulating the cards. That is, I con-
cluded he meant he would cheat, and
as I did not care to be a party to
any dishonesty, I evaded giving him an
answer. Meanwhile, I had introduced
him to a few people under the impres-
sion that he was a rich man. I believe
I did introduce him to Will E. Fisher.
Meanwhile, I went to all my acquaint-
ances who I thought might possibly
meet Allen, and I posted them as to
his character and his game. I put
them on his side so that they wouldn't
bet against him. I didn't feel like tell-
ing Allen that I had found him out, and
I have met him many times since. I
have gone out and taken a drink with
him, or I have met him by chance,
but I have been careful not to further
his ends."

"Times he has made engage-
ments to come to my office, and I have
gone out beforehand so as not to meet
him. I know nothing about him, ex-
cept that from the proposition he made
me I judged him to be a crook."

"One time he came out to see me
at my home at Diamond Head. He
inquired particularly as to George
Beckley, the purser of the Wilder's
Steamship Company. He asked me if
Beckley played poker, and begged me
to introduce him to Beckley. He asked
if Beckley wasn't at home then, and
I said I did not think he was. Beck-
ley's place is right near where I live,
and about half an hour afterwards,
when I looked over in that direction
I saw Allen's buggy in Beckley's place,
and later saw Beckley and Allen to-
gether driving out. I don't believe
that Allen got anything out of Beck-
ley, because Beckley is on to himself."

"Another time he asked me particu-
larly about Sam Barker. I told him
Sam would play poker, and where he
was now. I said that Sam had his
ranch on another island, but told Allen
that I thought he would be down in a
few days, so as to put Allen off. Cu-
riously enough, Sam did come down on
the next boat, but I have not heard
from him since. Later, Allen told
me that he had taken a house on
Wilder avenue, near Punahou, and that
he had fixed it up in great style."

"He said that he would give suppers
there at which wine would flow freely,
and that he wanted me to bring the
boys out. He renewed his offer to di-
vide profits with me. I have told the
police of all this, as I don't want to
be thought capable of helping in such
a crooked business. I believe that
while Allen and his crowd are willing
to make money from day to day from
some ordinary people, that they are
looking out for, and expect to land
a big fish. They want to get after
some big capitalist and skin him for
a pile of money."

He Introduced Friends.

Bert Peterson says that he met Allen
for the first time about a week ago,
and that he had seen him several times
at the Hawaiian Hotel, and had talked
with him in the barroom, where he had
introduced him to a number of friends.
"I went out to his house," says Pe-
tersen, "and was introduced to his
wife. We played cards, but there was
very little money exchanged. A few
days ago I met Mrs. Allen down town,
and we went into a store and had some
ice cream. She told me that she was
going to visit some friend that night
and would not be at home."

"Later in the evening I met Allen at
the hotel, and he said that as long as
his wife was away, we had better get
up a party and go out to the house for
a while. I consented, and we met
Beckley and went out. We had only
been there a short time when several
officers from the training ship Adams
arrived, and soon we were engaged in
a little friendly game. There was noth-
ing out of the way during the evening,
and I do not believe that any one was
a very heavy loser."

"Allen may be all that he is said to
be, but I have not discovered any-
thing wrong as yet. Last night a trav-
eling man stopping at the Hawaiian
Hotel told me that Allen was the no-
torious 'Billy Hurd,' and one of the
smoothest confidence men in the West.
However, I don't think that he will get
any of my money."

After a Rich Man.

Allen has manipulated his cards
smoothly, and was fast paying the way
for a grand coup. He had succeeded

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SUSPENSE
OVER.

Passengers of the
Russie Brought
Ashore.

PITABLE STATE
OF THE WOMEN

Heroism of the Carro Fishermen
was Crowned With
Success.

FARAMAN, Jan. 11.—After a night of
terrible suspense all of the passengers
and crew of the French steamer Russie,
which stranded near here during a violent
storm on Monday, have been safely
landed.

As the life-line connected from the
shore with the steamer parted again
yesterday afternoon, no communication
with the stranded steamer was possible
last night. The last signalled message
read as follows: "We have not a scrap
of food left. Consternation prevails on
board."

On receipt of this appeal the fisher-
men made two more plucky launches of
their boats, but were beaten back, and
as the Russie disappeared in the dark-
ness those on board were apparently
trying to launch their only remaining
boat. The storm raged with renewed
fury during the night, and only those
who were compelled to do so stayed on
the shore, part of them huddled to-
gether beneath a tarpaulin and others seek-
ing refuge from the gale in farm houses.

Last night boats with lines attached
were launched, but both attempts to
reach the Russie were fruitless.

In the early hours of the morning
torches were lighted at the bow of the
Russie and in response to the signal the
fishermen made another effort to reach
the wreck. They were again tossed
ashore and the crew of the life boat,
who belong to the fishing village of
Carro, gathered round a bonfire made
of wreckage from the steamer drenched
to the skin and with their teeth chat-
tering from cold, but not discouraged.
Their heroism was finally rewarded as
with daybreak the weather moderated,
the sea became calmer and the wind
having shifted from the east to north,
the Carro fishermen at about 6:30 a. m.
again put to sea. The spectators watch-
ed with fast beating hearts, and the
boat disappeared through the waves.
More than once it was thought she
had been engulfed, but the small craft
rose in sight again on the crests of seas
and moved gradually nearer to the
Russie.

A rope was thrown, which the fisher-
men caught, and the life boat soon was
alongside. Then above the howling
wind rose cries of joy from those on
board the Russie, which were re-echoed
by the crowd ashore. Another boat
manned by four men was launched and
succeeded in reaching the wrecked ves-
sel.

A few minutes later the Carro boat
left the Russie's side heavily laden. As
she approached the shore the occupants
were seen to be several women and one
baby. The spectators plunged into the
sea; some of them dragged the life boat
ashore and others lifted the women out
of the boat and carried them in their
arms through the waves to dry land.
One woman was clasped in the arms of
her son, who had been waiting on shore
since mid-day. She swooned and had
to be transported on a stretcher, hastily
constructed from the wreckage and
covered with blankets, to the light-
house. The other women collapsed
with fatigue, cold and want of food.
Their haggard faces and trembling
limbs told of awful experiences they
had gone through. Want of thought
had resulted in all the nourishment
being kept at the lighthouse, two miles
distant, and the sufferers had to be
taken there before restoratives could
be administered to them.

The four-oared boat next arrived
with seven more passengers. The life
boat then made repeated journeys, until
all were saved and sheltered in the
lighthouse.

Prisoners Released.

PANAMA, Colon, Jan. 11.—The New
York Herald's correspondent in Guaya-
quil, Ecuador, telegraphs that in ac-
cordance with an agreement between the
Ecuador government and the Colombian
Minister, all Colombian prisoners detain-
ed in the Panapoti prison have been set
free. President Alfaro, of Ecuador, has
provided transportation for them to the
frontier. Reciprocity in this connection
by Colombia is expected.

The Danish Islands

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from
Copenhagen to the Morning Post says
the proposal to